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Soccer value
at the Park

THREE BIG THRILLERS!

It's on again on Sunday — three more BIG Dockerty Cup games for Olympic Park fans!

They are —

- Croatia v Wilhelmina (1 p.m.).
- J.U.S.T. v Melbourne (2.20 p.m.).
- Slavia v Juventus (3.40 p.m.).

And there are three big games at the Park on Saturday (see page 3).

Game with the most interest on Sunday is likely to be the J.U.S.T.-Melbourne clash.

J.U.S.T. are sure to be weary after a hard game against Wilhelmina on the previous day and giantkillers Melbourne certainly will take advantage of this.

Melbourne are hoping to finish in the Cup final this year following their great 1-0 defeat of George Cross at Middle Park last week.

Youth will play a great part in this encounter, and the Hungarian team certainly have youth on their side.

J.U.S.T. v Melbourne

Keeping their last encounter in mind, J.U.S.T. will treat this game with caution. But as a fit, skilful and resourceful side they should hardly be troubled with their double dose of games when they meet Melbourne on Sunday at 2.20.

Melbourne's victory over George Cross was dimmed somewhat by their poor form against Croatia, although the absence of Elliott obviously upset the rhythm of the defence.

Melbourne lack punch up front and danger man Malloy seldom gets the through balls that make him a threat to opposing defences.

Bearing in mind Melbourne's victories over J.U.S.T. and Polonia earlier in the season, I don't underrate them.

J.U.S.T. may have to settle quickly to ensure victory, and with Piki and Mladenovic in the mood for scoring, I think the Footscray side, despite their two games, should win through.

● See page 3 for Jim Cook's preview of next weekend's Cup matches.

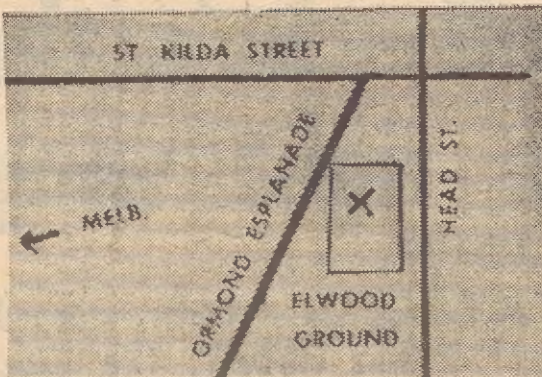


● Hey, come back here. Juventus defender Rocky Frangioni has his hand on the shoulder of S.M.-Hellas forward Johnny Margarites. Johnny broke clear and headed for goal, but strong defence turned this attack. Action photo from last Sunday's clash at Olympic Park.

The little "Barassi"



● No. 31 — the famous Barassi number at the junior clinics — see page 4.



IT'S AT ELWOOD THIS SUNDAY!

The third Soccer News' junior coaching clinic kicks off at Elwood this Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. (See location map above).

Already nearly 500 boys have attended the first two clinics — 250 at Deer Park and over 200 at Springvale.

The Elwood ground is the Melbourne junior Soccer ground, on Ormond Esplanade.

It is an ideal ground for coaching, with modern dressing sheds and plenty of playing space.

As usual, many State League players will be there to coach — names like Fred Falzon, Archie Campbell, Mike de Bruyckere, Franz van Balkom, Tommy Anderson, Hans Petersen, Attila Abonyi, Emmerly Bihary, Jim Davis, Sam Tarascio, Johnny Alexander, Ted Smith, Johnny Bedford, Bobby Adams, Jimmy Cecil.

And youngsters can win a free pair of Marathon Soccer boots, from Mr John van Hoboken, Wilhelmina president, and a new Soccer ball from the Junior Federation.

Sam Rubinstein, president of Maccabi, requests all players and members of his club to attend the clinic on Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.

And all other clubs in the area — from South Melbourne to Sandringham — are urged to send their players along — AND COACHES!

The Springvale clinic story

● Two full pages of pictures and stories from last Sunday's Springvale clinic — see pages 4 and 5. And watch next week for pictures and stories from Elwood. Order Soccer News from your newsagent now for a complete Soccer cover right up to December



● The gentle giant — Richmond's goalie Rudi van Altena — passes on a few hints to a youngster wearing Moorabbin Aussie Rules colors at the Springvale clinic.

"Doc" is 82 on Saturday

Mr Harry J. Dockerty, who is affectionately known as "Doc" to his many Soccer friends, will be 82 on Saturday.

Mr Dockerty, the president of the Victorian Federation, has one of the proudest records of any official in the code.

He has seen the code grow from a small group of men who met at Middle Park in 1907 to the big sport it is today.

Mr Dockerty is well worthy of his title "the Father of Soccer" in Victoria.

He has certainly pioneered the round ball code and even now is still an active supporter.

He rarely misses a game at Olympic Park and is often seen at school finals and metropolitan games.

On Saturday Mr Dockerty will celebrate his birthday at his home in The Ridge, Canterbury, with his wife, Mary Jane, married son John and his wife and two sons.

In the afternoon, Mr Dockerty will see the three Dockerty Cup matches at Olympic Park.

Mr Dockerty told Soccer News yesterday that he has a plan for next season which would help promote the code in Victoria.

He is waiting for an opportunity to put his scheme to the Federation Council. On behalf of all Soccer



● HARRY DOCKERTY

followers we wish our Grand Old Man of Soccer many happy returns for next Saturday.

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Archie Campbell — he's the master of the right wing

By FRED VILLIERS

When Archie Campbell, the flying George Cross winger, stepped ashore at Port Melbourne last year it was FRIDAY, THE 13th.

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Players with 3, 2 and 1 votes have been recorded.
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But not for Archie, the 24-year-old speedster who has won the hearts of all Soccer fans for his dazzling and attractive play this season.

Little did he dream that 12 months after his first steps ashore in his new country he'd be voted one of the best players in the game and win two coveted awards — The Sporting Globe award and the Gilbey Cup.

This week Archie, who lives in Flemington Rd, North Melbourne, told me of his Soccer career and how he's played with some of the best boys in the game.

He kicked-off at the age of eight with the St. Peter and St. Paul school in Dundee in his native Scotland. Later he played with the St. John's secondary school as outside-right and represented the Dundee Catholic schoolboys.

During these early days Archie's dad never missed one of his son's games and was always on the touchline to encourage him. In fact, Archie admits that his dad has played a big part in his Soccer career in helping him kick-on.

Signed Professional

Archie's first step in the big time came when he was chosen to play for Loches Harp FC in the Dundee Junior League, which has no age limit. He did so well there that he signed professional forms for the famous Tottenham Hotspurs when he was 17.

Archie was on the way to success. Spurs brought him to London, where he had two weeks' continuous training before they gave him a trade to learn. He wanted to be a toolmaker so he started his apprenticeship and at the same time began to learn some of the finer points of the round-ball game from some of the top names in the business.

He practised alongside such players and Danny Blanchflower, Bobby Smith, Terry Medwin, goalie Ted Ditchburn and others.

His first game in Spurs' fourth team gave him the thrill of playing against world-famous Jimmy Greaves. At about this time he recalls the visit to Spurs of Freddie Falzon from Malta, and how they met on the ground not knowing that they would one day play together again 13,000 miles away in Australia — and both for the same club.

Freddie played in a trial for Spurs but, like Archie, didn't quite make it. As Archie explained, "You've got to be more than just good to play English First Division Soccer."

At the age of 20, Archie was released from Spurs and played in trials for third division club Crystal Palace, but after a month he drew a blank. He feels the reason was his height. Being a small person has a definite disadvantage in top Soccer in England.

Then back to Dundee and more trials. This time it was with Dundee United — another blank — and then East Fife. A trial game here clinched him a place in the team and he signed as a winger for the Scottish second division club.

Archie is a versatile player and can kick with both feet. He often appeared on both wings for East Fife.

At 22 he married a beautiful brunette named Norma. They met at a dance and one of the attractions for Norma was the badge Archie wore on his blazer pocket — East Fife. Norma's parents came from there and it had a certain amount of sentiment attached to it as far as she was concerned.

But Norma didn't fall in love with a badge. She fell for a young, active and handsome Archie. Together they decided to come to Australia and start a new life, and for Archie it was a new career in Soccer.

Now the Campbell's have a seven-months-old son, Stephen, who according to his dad will be kicking a round ball as soon as he's old enough.

Happy Memories

Hanging on one of the walls in the Campbell's home is a picture of a park with beautiful lush green grass. I asked Archie what and where it was.

He said it was "The Coup", an old rubbish tip in Dundee on the banks of the River Tay which had been made into a park.

That brings back many happy memories to me," he said. "I used to play Soccer there during my schooldays."

Archie's happiest thought is his first match in Australia, against Moreland, when he scored two goals and George Cross won.

His favorite ground is Olympic Park. The ground he dislikes most is his home ground — Olympic Village, West Heidelberg.

Archie says the best sportsman in Soccer is Billy Rice and the best club team he's played against is J.U.S.T.

Archie's mascot is a champagne cork from the bottle of the first champagne he drank with Norma. He takes it to the game with him for luck.

He says he's pleased he joined George Cross as the people connected with the club are so friendly and helpful. "They really make us feel at home."

"What I like most is when they sing 'Up the Whites, Up the Whites'. It puts the team on the tip of its toes," he said.

Archie claims the only way to improve Soccer in Victoria is to have weekly clinics and eventually have full-time professionals.

"It must come soon," he added.



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ACTION, THRILLS IN TOP SATURDAY CUP CLASHES

Three more BIG games for the price of one . . . that's the Victorian Soccer Federation's Dockerty Cup program for Saturday.

Olympic Park fans will see — Wilhelmina v J.U.S.T. (1 p.m.), South Melbourne-Hellas v Slavia (2.20 p.m.), and Juventus v Polonia (3.40 p.m.).



J.U.S.T. make merry

J.U.S.T. celebrated their first State League championship win at The Madrid, Collins Place, City, last night.

Press, radio and representatives of GTV9 and HSV7 were present, as well as other leading Soccer and sporting officials.

More details in next week's issue.

LETTER

SIR, — The Albert Park Committee has not denied the use of the Middle Park Soccer ground to the Victorian Soccer Federation.

Neither the secretary of the committee nor myself has at any time received a verbal or written application for the use of the ground.

Reading in Soccer News that some matches of the Dockerty Cup series were to be played at Albert Park, I attended the headquarters of the Soccer Federation on Monday evening last (Sept. 9), and met six of the members of the Federation Council to ascertain the position.

I then informed the members of the Federation Council who were there that the Dockerty Cup series could be played at Middle Park on certain conditions.

Criticism of the committee's attitude is quite unjustified. The Albert Park Committee has done more for Soccer than any other body. It has done so because it believes that migrants coming here are entitled to play the sport of their choice under the best of conditions. It will continue its efforts to make Middle Park the best Soccer ground in the State. — P. J. KENNELLY, chairman, Albert Park Committee of Management.

BUDAPEST TIP

From TOM CONNOLLY

ADELAIDE, Wednesday. — With the winter competition over, interest now switches to the Australia Cup games.

On Saturday Budapest meet Croatia. Budapest, after its break, are expected to be at full strength, all its injured players are now recovered. Croatia will be a very chastened crew after its severe reprimand for its walk-off recently.

Juventus had little trouble in winning the Federation Cup and so complete the Cup and League double.

At no stage did Hellas seriously threaten Juventus, in fact Juventus rarely went at more than half pace.

The occasion was a little too much for Hellas. A record crowd of 6000 welcomed them as they ran on to the field through a mass of streamers and exploding of fireworks.



● Star Alexander forward Con Racavalis heads towards goal with the ball at his feet. Many State League clubs have been after Con, who suffered an injured back in the match against Wilhelmina last Saturday, and was treated at Box Hill Hospital.

AT LAST—IT'S THE FINAL!

From TERRY SMITH

SYDNEY, Wednesday: Third time proved lucky for Apia when they clinched a place in the Sydney Soccer grand final this Sunday.

They did this by scoring a 2-1 win over Prague in the marathon semi-final, which had to replayed twice.

Twice the teams had finished level at 2-all.

Prague have to beat South Coast in the final tonight to qualify for another chance of beating Apia.

But they would have had to show a great improvement if they were to overcome the speedy and direct brand of Soccer played by South Coast.

Prague have lost form. One of the main reasons for their failure is that their match-winning pair of wingers, Roy Blitz and Luis Gauto, are completely out of touch.

The crowd of 18,921 people was a record for a Sydney semi-final.

These three games, with the top teams competing, will be action packed and should provide excellent Soccer for the followers of the game.

Juventus v Polonia

Polonia, trying hard to overcome their disappointment at losing the premiership, will make it tough for Juventus when the pair clash on Saturday at 3.40 p.m.

Juventus are playing well up to a point, but their finishing leaves a lot to be desired.

No defence problems in the Italian side. They are a tightly-packed formation, well held together by pivot Frangioni, who receives above - average support from Terry Hartley.

Polonia's outing against Austria was a mere match practice, but they found Slavia a different kettle of fish.

Putkowski in goal appears to have lost a little confidence, but the Polish boys, with inside trio Janowski, Jurecki and Zientara starring, appear to carry too many big guns for Juventus.

A hard, fast game, with the odds in favor of another two points for Polonia.

Wilhelmina v J.U.S.T.

Fresh from their easy wins against mediocre opposition in the first round, these two teams should provide first-class entertainment when they meet on Saturday at 1 p.m.

Over the years many of their clashes have resulted in a draw, with the final result in doubt till the end.

The Ringwood club appear to have a problem as to where to play Ollie Norris. In defence he is a steady influence; in attack he has much to do with the success of Godthelp and Steele.

J.U.S.T.'s consistent form suggests they could be in at the kill in both the Dockerty and Australia Cups. With their undoubted skill they will be formidable opponents for the Ringwood side.

A steady defence and five forwards who are all potential scorers suggest to me that they will overcome Wilhelmina.

S.M.-Hellas v Slavia

Hellas and Slavia, with opposing styles and tactics, will provide Soccer with distinction in what is likely to be a game where the result may be decided late. They meet at 2.20 p.m. on Saturday.

Hellas have little worries in defence, where Mantarakes is starring.

Hatzelstheriou and Smith are providing some zip and punch in the forwards.

Slavia made a bright showing against Polonia and as a combination are beginning to pay off.

In attack Des Palmer may not be scoring himself, but he is laying them on and bringing the best out of McLachlan.

Little to choose between these two — they may be locked together in a low scoring draw.

Croatia v Wilhelmina

Croatia, with a rest on Saturday, may have sharper reflexes than Wilhelmina when they do battle on Sunday at 1 p.m.

With a win over Lions and a draw against Melbourne, Croatia are no doubt wishing these had been league games instead of cup-tie games. They may make it hot for Wilhelmina with their quick tackling and tearaway tactics.

They will rely mainly on two players — key men Boso Basic at centre-half and Jim Fernie at centre, whose deep lying tactics are puzzling but sometimes profitable.

Wilhelmina, with that game on Saturday, will have to pull that little extra out of the bag to compensate for some leg-weariness.

An early goal will give some indication of the final outcome.

Slavia v Juventus

Two games in two days will give neither an advantage when Slavia and Juventus line up for the Dockerty Cup game on Sunday at 3.40.

Of the pair Slavia have shown better form of late, but, like their opponents, they are not a free scoring lot and this may place the emphasis of the game on defence.

The more studied Slavia have the edge in techniques and skills, but their opponents, Juventus, are without a doubt more powerful and may try to break the Port side down with a series of quick, piercing thrusts.

It could be that little will separate the sides at the finish, but if an outright decision is reached I take Juventus.

THIS WEEK'S GAMES

SATURDAY

Wilhelmina v J.U.S.T. (1 p.m.); S.M.-Hellas v Slavia (2.20 p.m.); Juventus v Polonia (3.40 p.m.).

SUNDAY

Croatia v Wilhelmina (1 p.m.); J.U.S.T. v Melbourne (2.20 p.m.); Slavia v Juventus (3.40 p.m.).

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SECTION A

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S.M. - HELLAS	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
JUVENTUS	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
SLAVIA	1	0	0	1	2	3	0

SECTION B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
CROATIA	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
MELBOURNE	1	0	1	0	1	1	0
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These boys — all in Aussie Rules jumpers — turned up at the clinic to learn Soccer. No. 31 is the famous Ron Barassi number, and No. 8 belongs to Tassie Johnson. Other jumpers belong to Moorabbin (stripes), and Footscray. Franz van Balkom and Mike de Bruyckere are the coaches.

'GREAT BOOST' FOR JUNIORS'

Soccer News' junior coaching clinics were "the best thing that has happened to the juniors this year," Mr Dick Harvey said at the Springvale clinic on Sunday.

Mr Harvey, hard-working Junior Soccer Federation chairman, has been a keen observer at both Soccer News clinics this month.

"This is the most constructive form of Soccer development ever produced in Victoria," he said.

"The response of the boys is a fitting reward for the coaches from the State League who have given their free time to the juniors.

"They have done a wonderful job, and it is most gratifying to see," he said.

Mr Harvey said that the future of Victorian Soccer was in the hands of the youngsters.

"Too many of these boys are lost to Soccer because we don't take a keen enough interest in them," he said.

"Soccer will never progress in Victoria unless we develop the breeding grounds.

"Look at the potential



MR DICK HARVEY

we have. Many thousands of boys, children of migrant parents, are tailor-made for Soccer.

"The Soccer instinct is bred in them. They know what to do with a Soccer ball the minute it is thrown to them.

"Are we going to let these boys slip from our grasp because we neglect

them; because we don't offer them the facilities that other codes are only too willing to provide?

Mr Harvey made a special plea to State League players to attend the clinics and help the youngsters.

"You will get great personal satisfaction from this job. Just ask any of the players who have already given their time."

Mr Harvey told the story of the youngster at the Deer Park clinic whose hero was George Cross goalie Norm Hobson.

His father had bought him a new pair of boots, shorts and shirt specially for the clinic.

When he arrived he said to Norm: "Gee, Mr Hobson, I'm glad you came. I would have gone home if you hadn't."

Mr Harvey said that Norm, by keeping faith with the young fellow, had given him tremendous incentive to progress in the game.

This was the true spirit of Soccer, he said.

PLAYERS AT CLINIC

- Fred Falzon (George Cross).
- Archie Campbell (George Cross).
- Norm Hobson (George Cross).
- Mike de Bruyckere (Lions).
- Ted Smith (South Melbourne-Hellas).
- Rudi van Altena (Richmond).
- Franz van Balkom (Wilhelmina).

Mr Dick Harvey, Junior Federation chairman, also attended.

Demon

Eight little Demons, a Magpie and a Bulldog turned out in their guernseys at our Springvale Soccer clinic on Sunday.

Wonder what the VLF boys will have to say about this!

What a pity a few more coaches and State League players didn't turn up. If you love the game you play and you read this column, please make the effort next Sunday. We're asking for your help. There is no financial reward for your efforts, but you'll feel good after you've done something for the kids.

For those who did turn up we say a big THANK YOU. For the record they were Mike de Bruyckere (Lions), Teddy Smith (S.M.-Hellas), Fred Falzon (George Cross), Franz van Balkom (Wilhelmina), Norm Hobson (George Cross), Rudi van Altena (Richmond), and Sporting Globe and Gilebey Cup winner Archie Campbell (George Cross). Well played, boys.

In Teddy Smith's and Archie Campbell's classes were boys from the following Soccer clubs — Box Hill, Frankston, Noble Park, Springvale, Dandenong, Moorabbin, Wilhelmina and Slavia.

One of the boys, Michael Stevic, of Elder St, Heatherton, played in the Under-16 team at Cheltenham High School although he was only nine years old. His father explained that he couldn't get a game in his age group because there was no team to cater for him.

Fred Falzon kept his class on their toes with breathing exercises as well as heading-the-ball practice and physical training.

Among five boys in goal with Norm Hobson, one looked a promising keeper. He is Geoff Bardsley, the Frankston Under-12 goalie. Seven-year-old Geoff, of Kurong Ave, Frankston, has been playing Soccer for one year. He said after the clinic that he'd learnt a new method of diving for the ball and that Mr Hobson had shown him how to watch the ball as it was approaching goal.

As Norm kicked the ball at the boys in goal he shouted his advice: "Get your body behind the ball all the time."

Mike de Bruyckere had 23 boys in his class who had never played Soccer before — most of them wore Aussie Rules guernseys. He gave them dribbling, heading and shooting practice. At one time he had more parents watching than he had boys in the class!

Peter Conti, of Slavia Under-14's, collected all the coaches' autographs before he left the clinic.

red) AND A DOG SOCCER TRICKS

ly 200 boys — and a dog — attended the second Soccer News' junior clinic at Springvale on Sunday.

dog, Silky, an Australian terrier pet of Mr R. Rubens, president of the Soccer Club — can dribble, head and trap a ball.

pictures show —

George Cross and Victorian full-back Fred Falzon shows youngsters at how to do the scissors kick. Fred often uses this kick to clear the ball for George Cross.

T: Silky, the Australian terrier pup, is about to send a rocketing header

W: Coaches at the clinic relax over a cigarette and a bottle of soft cigarettes, naturally enough, were provided by Craven A and here Doug Craven A representative, hands them around to, from left: Rudi van Altena Norm Hobson (George Cross), Archie Campbell (George Cross), Franz van helmina), and Mike de Bruyckere (Lions).



IN TOUCH GOES TO THE SPRINGVALE CLINIC

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Harry Vanette, the junior manager of Dandenong club, and Geoff Keyaerts, the junior vice-president, watched the clinic from the sidelines. Harry complained that it was impossible to buy a junior Soccer strip anywhere in Melbourne. He said shorts and socks could be purchased, but shirts were out of the question. Geoff said if they had another ground in Dandenong they could easily organise another two junior teams.

Teddy Smith controlled two classes — one with 12 boys and the other with six. He had them dribbling the ball in a circle and practising kicking with the

★ Archie Campbell's class was the largest. He had more than 25 boys and most of them came from local clubs. Archie was popular with his white shorts and red track suit top with the words George Cross superimposed on his back. He made the boys compete in a running relay for fitness and showed them some of the secrets that made him such a great winger.

★ Franz van Balkom (Wilhelmina) had a class of 10 boys and gave them coaching in half-back play.

★ Mr John McInerney, of Kidds Rd, Doveton, bought his two boys, John, 10, and Gerard, 7, to the clinic. It was the first time they'd kicked a Soccer ball and Dad promised to buy them one.

LIONS BALL

Lions' end-of-the-season match will be held on October 26 at the New Empiric Clubroom, 386 Chapel St, North Yarra.

Mrs Sierocinski, of Jasper St, Noble Park, thanked all the coaches after the clinic for teaching the boys, especially for what they'd done for her six-year-old son, Peter.

★ Mr R. Rubens, of Springvale club, expected only a handful of boys and was surprised to see nearly 200 on the ground. It was fitting reward for a man who had put so much into organising the clinic.

★ Archie Campbell was puzzled. He had twins in his class and couldn't tell the two apart!

★ All coaches received Craven A cigarettes from W. D. and H. O. Wills Ltd.

★ Seven-year-old David Sadmak, of Noble Park, wore Tassie Johnson's number and colored guernsey. It was the first time he'd seen a Soccer ball.

★ There was a mad scramble when Mr Rubens tossed handfuls of bubble gum into the air.

★ Two players who did a great job at the first Soccer News' clinic at Deer Park — Wilhelmina stars Hans Petersen and John Gydellach — sent their apologies. John received a broken little finger against Alexander on Saturday and Hans suffered a bruised ankle.

★ Springvale have plans for a new ground about a mile from their present one. It will be fully enclosed and will have complete dressing facilities.

★ The pair of Marathon Soccer boots donated by Mr John van Hoboken, Wilhelmina president, was won by Paul Barbien, of Hooker Ave, Springvale, and the Soccer ball donated by the Junior Soccer Federation was won by Henk Ton, Maroo St, Hughesdale.

★ Henk, a budding goalkeeper, spends all his pocket money travelling to training at Springvale.

Sunshine, too

Following the success of the Soccer News' Deer Park Soccer clinic, Sunshine City have organised their own Sunday morning coaching sessions.

Over 50 boys attended last Sunday and coaching will now be held at the Gardens Reserve, Anderson Road, Sunshine, every Sunday morning at 10.30.

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VICTORIA		SOUTH AUSTRALIA		QUEENSLAND	
J.U.S.T.	34	JUVENTUS	29	HELLENIC	29
POLONIA	32	BUDAPEST	23	AZZURRI	26
GEORGE CROSS	28	CROATIA	20	LATROBE	25
SLAVIA	24	POLONIA	19	MERTON	22
NEW SOUTH WALES		NORTHERN N.S.W.		TASMANIA	
PRAGUE	36	WALLSEND	22	OLYMPIA (Hobart)	
APIA	31	WEST WALLSEND	22	RANGERS (Hobart)	
SOUTH COAST UNITED	30	AWABA	21	JUVENTUS (N. Tas.)	
PAN HELLENIC	30	NEWCASTLE AUSTRAL	18	ULVERSTON (N. W. Tas.)	

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Meet the 5 Junior stars
Best and fairest players in the juniors—based
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The winners are:
● Under-12: J. Grady
(Olympia).
● Under-14: S. Mur (N. Pis).
● Under-16: B. Molaga
(North Sunshine).
● Under-18: S. Kupicz
(Olympia).
● Under-20: T. Watson
(Wilhelmina).
Highlights of the voting
were:
● Olympia players won
two awards for the second
year running. J. Grady,
under-12 winner, won the
same trophy last year, and
● B. Kupicz, who won the
under-18 trophy, is the
brother of E. Kupicz, who
won the under-14 best and
fairest last year.
The trophies will be pre-
sented at Olympic Park
during Australia Cup mat-
ches.
Last week's results: Under-12
Cup, semi-final — Olympia 3,
Frankston 0. Under-18 Cup,
semi-final — Juventus 4, Pol-
Fawknor 3.
This week's league games:—
Under-14—J.U.S.T. v Wilhel-
mina. Under-16 — Pol-Fawknor
v George Cross.
Under-12 final between Wil-
helmina and Olympia will be
played on a date to be fixed.

**U-18 SQUAD
DECISION**
The under-18 side for
Sydney in October will be
announced after a final
practice match against
Wilhelmina at Jubilee
Park at 2 p.m. on Satur-
day.
The team manager, Mr
A. G. Culbard, announced
that the following boys had
already been selected: Sur-
ma Melb, Doherty (Suns
City), Bihary (Melb), Yel-
land (G. Cross), Mullen
(Suns City), Ecimovic (St.
Albans), Abonyi (Melb),
Di Marchi (Juventus), Man-
dalis (SM-Hellas), Peat
(Moreland).

Latrobe thriller
From FRANK McIVER
MORWELL, Wednesday: Pegasus beat
Falcons 3-0 in a thrilling replay of a Battle
of Britain Cup semi-final at Morwell on Saturday.
Pegasus were not to be
caught napping this time and
captain Paul Tanti kept his
forwards on the move from the
start.
The heavier Falcons were
too slow for the fast-moving
Pegasus forwards, P. Walker
and Anderson.
"Podge" Walker's two goals
and Joe Cassar's one sealed
Falcons' fate. Centre-half Mc-
Curley was outstanding for
Pegasus, and full-back Johnnie

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FLAG FLIES ON AT BRIGHTON
Orchids to Brighton's new coach Harry Pritchard, who has kept the
flag flying at Dendy Park after the club committee folded at the end of
the season.

Fielding eight of their juniors, Brighton defeated Geelong Scottish 3-2 in a beauty. Gordon Hays, and David Gladwin really ex-celled.
The "Old Masters" may yet bring back League Soccer to BENDIGO, as the "University Veterans" play Bendigo Technical in a challenge match next Sunday.
★
CASEY MULDER has temporarily left hospital, but still has a long road to travel.
★
Evergreen 36-year-old BILLY BELL scored all four goals in Sandringham's convincing cup victory over Sunshine. Billy, who has now scored 22 goals this season, has rarely scored when the HAMMERS have been in front—most of his goals have either saved

POOLS PUNTERS' CORNER

Tense Battles in U.K. Soccer

From "HOTSPUR", our London Pools Correspondent
LONDON, Wednesday — Tot-tenham Hotspur, beaten 7-2 by Blackburn Rovers last week, came storming back on Saturday with a 6-1 home first division victory over Blackpool.

In the top-of-the-table clash, Man-chester United held on to the lead by defeating the second team, West Brom-wich Albion, 1-0, after a tense, hard-fought struggle.
United were without their star forward, Scottish international Denis Law, who has a knee injury, but 19-year-old centre-forward Dave Sadler got the vital goal in the second half.
England's inside-forward Jimmy Greaves spearheaded Spurs' revival with a brilliant hat-trick.
John White, Bobby Smith and Cliff Jones netted the other goals.
League champions, Everton, who to-day (Wednesday) meet Inter-Milan in the first round of the draw by lowly Ipswich Town, and it was the East Anglian side who came the closest to scoring.
Blackburn Rovers were once more among the goals, with a 5-1 away victory over Wolves, which pushed them up among the leaders.

GOALLESS DRAW

Bolton Wanderers, after starting the season with a run of five defeats, gained their first point when they held Leicester City to a 0-0 draw.
Notts County (Third Division) and Bradford (Division Four) also took their first league point. County beat Port Vale 2-0, while Bradford were successful 2-1 at home to Brighton.
Swindon Town lost their proud record of being the only English League side with a 100 per cent record when Leeds United held them to a 0-0 draw.
Swindon, newly promoted to the Second Division, still head the table, and their effort was a good one, for Leeds had won their three previous home games.
Sunderland, striving hard to regain their First Division status, are only two points behind Swindon. They kept up the pressure with a 2-0 home win over Manchester City, while their neighbors and promotion rivals Middlesbrough and Newcastle United were slipping in the race.
Middlesbrough shared four goals at Preston, while Newcastle came unstuck at Grimsby, losing 2-1.

Top teams topple as Cup 'warms up'

By GEOFF DOBB
Leading sides clash at Box Hill and Sandringham in a thrilling third round to the Federation Cup on Saturday. Sixteen teams are left in the battle.

Already 13 First Division teams have been beaten. Major upset last week was Libertas' 2-1 win over fancied Oak-leigh.
BOX HILL have a sound cup-tie combination of experienced defence and fast, young forwards, and will give the Italian visitors, LIBERTAS, a very hard game at Wembley Park.

BRUNSWICK ATHENS have scored more than 127 goals in 1963, but now face one of Metro's soundest

defences, which has conceded 1.3 goals per game this season. The visiting Greeks must have a bunch of good, accurate forwards, but Sandringham's tough defence and constructive forwards should wear down the enthusiastic Brunswick.

BELL PARK and FRANKSTON both have great forward potential, but the Geelong team has shown more consistency and have more avenues to beat former West Ham goalie Dick.

PARK RANGERS' su-

perior forwards should win well against close-marking BAYSWATER. MOO-RABBIN should have no worries against AZZURRI. MORELAND must be favored against the keen youngsters at BRIGHTON. MAKEDONIA may kick a cricket score unless AJAX score early, and COBURG (one of the Cup favorites) may have a hard game if YALLOURN can bring up their best team.

Armstrong Cup

Semi-finals already, and some very close games! Only First Division Reserve teams survive, and last week the two premiers clashed in a beauty at Sun-shine.

BOX HILL face a diffi-cult game at AUSTRIA, who hope to salvage some-thing for their trophy cup-board at Austria House. YALLOURN'S teenagers will lack vital experience in tight cup games, and could lose at BRIGHTON, while MAKEDONIA'S keenness should account for a WILLIAMSTOWN team that had a tough match against a UNIVERSITY team that included five Rugby players.

PREDICTIONS
FEDERATION C U F:
Bell Park, Park Rangers, Sandringham, Moorabbin, Moreland, Makedonia, Co-burg, Box Hill.

ARMSTRONG CUP:
Box Hill, Brighton, Make-donia, Dandenong.

Social notes: — PRAHRAN'S dance is on Saturday, Septem-ber 21, at Tonrak, Anglers' Hall. SANDRINGHAM'S end of season special is on Satur-day, September 28, at Progress Hall, Ward Avenue, South Oak-leigh. PARK RANGERS fare-well a great season on October 4 at Olympic Park.

Refereed a keen under-12 semi-final between Olympia and Frankston last Saturday, and was very impressed by Polonia's nursery, whose captain, J. GRADY, showed why he was judged Federation's under-12 best and fairest. Congratu-lations to all concerned in under-12 Soccer, which can show older players something in system and sportsmanship.

★
Shepparton City visit San-dringham for a social game this Sunday, at 2.30.

		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Hull City	..	6	1	4	1	7	19	6
Colchester United	..	6	1	3	2	10	9	5
Port Vale	..	6	2	1	3	6	6	5
Mansfield Town	..	6	2	1	3	9	11	5
Reading	..	6	1	3	2	6	10	5
Barnsley	..	6	1	2	3	8	13	4
Luton Town	..	6	1	2	3	7	11	4
Millwall	..	6	1	2	3	5	11	4
Wrexham	..	6	1	1	4	12	19	3
Walsall	..	6	0	3	3	4	9	3
Notts County	..	5	1	0	5	5	12	2

		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Chesterfield	..	6	3	3	0	10	7	9
Torquay United	..	6	4	1	1	14	10	9
Aldershot	..	6	4	1	1	17	13	9
Gillingham	..	6	2	4	0	5	1	8
Newport County	..	6	3	2	1	12	6	8
Wokington	..	6	3	2	1	11	7	8
Doncaster Rovers	..	6	3	2	1	11	8	8
Lincoln City	..	6	3	2	1	8	7	8
Tranmere Rovers	..	6	3	1	2	14	9	7
Stockport County	..	6	3	1	2	9	6	7
Oxford United	..	6	2	3	1	9	7	7
Exeter City	..	6	2	3	1	4	5	7
Chester	..	6	2	2	2	8	6	6
Halifax Town	..	6	1	4	1	10	9	6
Darlington	..	6	1	4	1	8	6	6
Carlisle United	..	6	2	1	3	11	13	5
Barrow	..	6	1	3	2	7	10	5
Rochdale	..	6	1	2	3	7	9	4
Southport	..	6	1	2	3	7	9	4
Brighton/Hove	..	6	1	1	4	7	10	3
Hartlepool United	..	6	1	1	4	7	16	3
Bradford City	..	6	1	1	4	3	7	3
York City	..	6	0	2	4	5	11	2
Bradford	..	6	1	0	5	6	10	2

		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Kilmarnock	..	3	3	0	0	9	4	6
Glasgow Rangers	..	3	2	1	0	6	2	5
Dunfermline	..	3	2	1	0	6	3	5
Hearis	..	3	2	1	0	3	4	5
St. Johnstone	..	3	2	0	1	9	4	4
Dundee	..	3	1	2	0	6	4	4
Dundee	..	3	2	0	1	4	4	4
Glasgow Celtic	..	3	1	1	1	9	3	3
Dundee United	..	3	1	1	1	5	4	3
Hibernian	..	3	1	1	1	7	3	3
Third Lanark	..	3	1	1	1	7	3	3
Falkirk	..	3	1	1	0	2	4	3
East Stirling	..	3	1	0	2	4	2	3
Motherwell	..	3	0	1	2	4	3	1
Aberdeen	..	3	0	1	2	4	3	1
Partick Thistle	..	3	0	1	2	3	7	1
Airdrieonians	..	3	0	0	3	4	10	0
Queen of South	..	3	0	0	3	1	10	0

		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Clyde	..	5	4	1	0	15	5	9
Greenock Morton	..	4	4	0	0	15	0	8
Stenhousemuir	..	4	3	0	2	16	11	6
Arbroath	..	5	3	0	2	11	9	6
Queens Park	..	5	3	0	2	10	8	6
Montrose	..	3	2	1	0	9	3	5
Albion Rovers	..	5	2	1	2	11	11	5
Brechin City	..	5	2	1	2	7	11	5
Hamilton	..	4	1	2	1	9	8	4
Stirling Albion	..	4	1	2	1	7	9	4
Cowdenbeath	..	4	2	0	2	6	8	4
Raith Rovers	..	4	1	1	2	5	4	3
Ayr United	..	4	1	1	2	7	7	3
East Fife	..	4	0	3	1	4	6	2
Dumbarton	..	3	1	0	2	7	9	2
Alloa Athletic	..	3	1	0	2	3	5	2
Forfar Athletic	..	5	0	0	5	5	19	0
Berwick Rangers	..	3	0	0	3	1	10	0

DOCKERTY CUP GAMES AT OLYMPIC PARK

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SATURDAY, September 21 — Wilhelmina v J.U.S.T., 1 p.m. South Melbourne-Hellas v Slavia, 2.20 p.m. Juventus v Polonia, 3.40 p.m.

SUNDAY, September 22 — Croatia v Wilhelmina, 1 p.m. J.U.S.T. v Melbourne, 2.20 p.m. Slavia v Juventus, 3.40 p.m.

THIS WEEK'S GAMES

DOCKERTY CUP

SATURDAY
Wilhelmina v J.U.S.T. (1 p.m.)
S.M.-Hellas v Slavia (2.20)
Juventus v Polonia (3.40)

SUNDAY
Croatia v Wilhelmina (1 p.m.)
J.U.S.T. v Melbourne (2.20)
Slavia v Juventus (3.40)

FEDERATION CUP

THIRD ROUND
Frankston v Bell Park
Park Rangers v Bayswater
Sandringham v Brunswick
Moorabbin v Azzurri
Brighton v Moreland
Makedonia v Ajax
Coburg v Yallourn
Box Hill v Libertas

HARRY ARMSTRONG (RESERVE) CUP

THIRD ROUND
Austria v Box Hill
Brighton v Yallourn
Moreland v Dandenong
Makedonia v Williamsstown

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LAST WEEK

DOCKERTY CUP (Preliminary round): Croatia 3, Lions 2; Melbourne 1, George Cross 0; Slavia 2, Hakoah 1; S.M.-Hellas 6, Richmond 0; Alexander 1, Wilhelmina 4; Fiorentina 0, Juventus 1; Austria 1, Polonia 6; Triestina 1, J.U.S.T. 4.

DOCKERTY CUP (Last Sunday): Slavia 2, Polonia 3; Juventus 0, S.M.-Hellas 0; Croatia 0, Melbourne 0.

FEDERATION CUP (Second round): Coburg 4, University 1; Sicilia (withdrawn) Bell Park (w.o.); St. Albans 1, Box Hill 2; Park Rangers 4, Moonee Ponds 1 (abandoned); Makedonia 8, Tullamarine 0; Geelong Scottish 2, Brighton 3; Brunswick 5, Heidelberg 1; Azzurri 0, Glenroy 0 (Azzurri won on corner kicks, 2-1); Sandringham 4, Sunshine City 0; Williamsstown 4, Bayswater 4 (Bayswater won on corner kicks, 1-0); Hercules 1, Frankston 4; South Yarra 1, Yallourn 4; Ajax 2, Dandenong 1; Libertas 2, Oakleigh 1; Fairfield 0, Moorabbin 3; Geelong 1, Moreland 4.

HARRY ARMSTRONG (RESERVE) CUP (Second round): Oakleigh 1, Makedonia 2; St. Albans 0, Box Hill 3; Sunshine City 2, Dandenong 3; University 3, Williamsstown 3 (University defaulted, giving Williamsstown a win); Brighton 2, Coburg 1; Triestina (withdrawn); Moreland (w.o.); Heidelberg 0, Austria 7; Yallourn (w.o.); Fiorentina (d.p.).

STATE LEAGUE RES.: Croatia 0, S.M.-Hellas 2.

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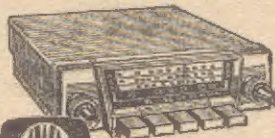
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STATE LEAGUE

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
J.U.S.T.	22	14	6	2	60	22	34
POLONIA	22	13	6	3	63	21	32
GEORGE CROSS	22	11	6	5	40	25	28
SLAVIA	22	10	4	8	28	28	24
WILHELMINA	22	10	2	10	44	40	22
S.M.-HELLAS	22	6	9	7	28	30	21
JUVENTUS	22	8	5	9	34	38	21
LIONS	22	9	2	11	35	49	20
MELBOURNE	22	8	3	11	32	34	19
HAKOAH	22	6	5	11	37	47	17
CROATIA	22	5	6	11	28	51	16
RICHMOND	22	3	4	15	20	64	10

LEAGUE COMPLETED.

STATE LEAGUE RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Melbourne	22	17	0	5	67	36	34
Hakoah	22	13	2	7	74	34	28
George Cross	22	12	3	7	53	28	27
Juventus	22	13	1	8	66	49	27
S.M.-Hellas	21	13	1	7	49	27	27
Wilhelmina	21	11	4	6	49	34	26
Slavia	22	11	3	8	49	31	25
Lions	22	7	4	11	35	67	18
Croatia	22	6	3	13	27	53	15
J.U.S.T.	22	6	3	13	32	64	15
Polonia	22	5	1	16	36	62	11
Richmond	22	3	3	16	18	70	9

SECOND DIVISION RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Brunswick	22	21	1	0	127	9	43
Hercules	22	14	6	2	74	31	34
Ajax	22	14	6	2	69	39	34
Tullamarine	22	13	1	8	59	43	27
Glenroy	21	10	5	6	48	32	25
Helvetic	22	10	2	10	48	34	22
Prohara	22	7	3	12	33	57	17
Park Rangers	21	7	2	12	50	55	16
Moorabbin	22	7	2	13	41	71	16
Heidelberg	22	5	2	15	23	92	12
Frankston	22	3	2	17	27	58	8
Fairfield	22	3	2	17	13	91	8

OVERSEAS RESULTS

ENGLAND

DIVISION ONE

Aston Villa 1, Chelsea 0; Bolton Wanderers 0, Leicester City 0; Burnley 2, Birmingham City 1; Fulham 1, Arsenal 4; Ipswich Town 0, Everton 0; Liverpool 1, West Ham United 2; Manchester United 1, West Bromwich Albion 0; Sheffield United 1, Sheffield Wednesday 1; Stoke City 0, Nottingham Forest 1; Tottenham Hotspur 6, Blackpool 1; Wolverhampton Wanderers 1, Blackburn Rovers 5.

DIVISION TWO

Charlton Athletic 5, Huddersfield Town 2; Grimsby Town 2, Newcastle United 1; Leeds United 0, Swindon Town 0; Leyton Orient 1, Southampton 0; Plymouth Argyle 0, Derby County 0; Portsmouth 1, Norwich City 1; Preston North End 2, Middlesbrough 2; Sunderland 2, Manchester City 0.

DIVISION THREE

Bournemouth 4, Millwall 0; Bristol Rovers 3, Southend United 1; Crewe Alexandra 2, Bristol City 0; Crystal Palace 3, Shrewsbury Town 0; Hull City 2, Barnsley 2; Luton Town 1, Coventry City 3; Notts County 2, Port Vale 0; Oldham Athletic 4, Peterborough United 2; Queens Park Rangers 1, Watford 0; Reading 4, Mansfield Town 3; Walsall 2, Brentford 2; Wrexham 5, Colchester United 4.

DIVISION FOUR

Bradford 2, Brighton and Hove Albion 1; Chesterfield 3, Doncaster Rovers 3; Darlington 1, Lincoln City 1; Exeter City 1, Southport 1; Halifax Town 3; Aldershot 3; Hartlepool United 0, Gillingham 0; Newport County 0, York City 0.

Oxford United 1, Rochdale 1; Stockport County 1, Chester 0; Torquay United 3, Carlisle United 1.

SCOTLAND

DIVISION ONE

Airdrieonians 4, Kilmarnock 5; Celtic 4, Third Lanark 4; Dundee 1, Dundee United 1; Dunfermline Athletic 2, Hearts 2; East Stirling 4, Queen of South 0; Hibernian 2, Falkirk 2; Partick Thistle, 0 Rangers 3; St. Johnstone 3, Aberdeen 1; St. Mirren 2, Motherwell 1.

DIVISION TWO

Arbroath 2, Montrose 4; Ayr United 0, Alloa 2; Brechin City 3, Forfar Athletic 0; East Fife 0, Cowdenbeath 2; Hamilton Academicals 2, Berwick Rangers 0; Queens Park 2, Dumfries 1; Stenhousemuir 4, Morton 3; Stirling Albion 1, Clyde 1; Stranraer 1, Albion Rovers 5.

IRELAND

IRISH LEAGUE CITY CUP

Ballymena United 0, Distillery 3; Bangor 1, Crusaders 4; Cliftonville 0, Glentoran 3; Derry City 0, Portadown 1; Glenavon 1, Coleraine 2; Linfield 2, Ards 2.

WEST AUSTRALIA

D'Oroona Cup (3rd round): Azzurri 3, South Perth 0; North Perth 9, Windmills 1; Tricolore 5, Kiev 3; Athena 2, Britannia 0.
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First payment of £7500 sterling was despatched to FIFA on Wednesday by Australian secretary Bob Clark.
The money is half of the payment for Australia's readmittance to the world body.

Peru tour

The Australian Soccer Federation executive will meet in Sydney next Sunday to discuss the forthcoming tour of the Peruvian national team.

G-U-E-S-S

WHO will be Miss Federation of Victoria, 1963? WHAT will happen at the Royale Ballroom on the 21st of November, 1963?

Like to be a referee?

Boys over 15 interested in becoming qualified referees are invited to apply for our special summer schools for junior referees. Applications in writing should be sent to Hon. Sec., Don Joiner, Soccer House, 52 Fitzroy Street, St. Kilda.

Holmes leaves for England

Moreland inside - forward John Holmes sailed last week for England. John is returning home to visit relatives. Coming to Moreland earlier this year from New Zealand, he has proved a great acquisition to the club.

Moreland dance

Moreland are holding a dinner dance at the Bellevue, Bell St., East Coburg, 10-11 night (Thursday) at 7.15. Tickets 30/-, from Bill Tannerhill, 307-2640, or Ken Cullen, 34-0466.

Frankston night

Frankston Juniors will hold their presentation and film night on Tuesday, September 24, at the Frankston Lifesaving Club. All welcome.

JOHNNY'S THE ARGUS WINNER



Slavia's Johnny Sanchez has won The Argus medal for the best and fairest player in State League, on referees' votes. Here Johnny receives his medal from Bill Fleming, Herald Soccer writer, and Graeme Cope, of ABV2, at the presentation. Johnny also received automotive electrical equipment from Lucas and a pair of Marathon Soccer boots from Bill Westerveld and Ted Whiffen.

Polonia deny 'poach' story

A Cook's Tour of the Clubs — By JIM COOK

Polonia this week hotly denied a report which appeared in another Soccer paper, that they had signed left-winger Katolik from Polonia, Adelaide, without the player being cleared.

Truth is that all Polish players who arrive here under the auspices of the Polish Games Committee can, at the end of their two-year term in Australia, extend their contract with their club or move to another Polish club.

Katolik comes into this category, and this is confirmed by the Polonia Soccer Club.

★ ★ ★
Congratulations to Polonia centre-half Zigg Gross, whose wife presented him with a daughter, Yolande — their first baby.

Park Rangers

It's that man Sherry again. Having scored over half a century of league goals this season, Ron has banged in seven of the Rangers' eight goals in their two Federation Cup games.

Sandringham

Sandringham is one of the most social-conscious clubs in Metropolitan. Mario Bartolo is the hard worker and he is at present organising a dance at the Progress Hall, Ward Ave, South Oakleigh. For table reservations phone 58-4399 or 97-4307.

Brighton

Brighton beat Geelong Scottish in the Federation Cup last week with eight Under-18 players in their side.

The end of an era at Brighton — Alex Scott has retired as coach after many years of service.

Melbourne

Melbourne's win over George Cross was their first ever against that club since they were promoted to the State League.

S.M.-Hellas

Young Michael Mandalis starred for South Melbourne-Hellas against Richmond last Saturday. He replaced Ieremiades, who was unable to play because of the death of his wife's mother.

Mandalis was best afield on Saturday and held his place in the game against Juventus on Sunday and again was outstanding. Xanthopoulos and Kamboropoulos were omitted last weekend as they failed to attend training.

'Strong clubs only for State League'

— Says Mr. VAN HOBOKEN

By FRED VILLIERS

"There is no such thing as antagonism between the State League and Metropolitan League," Mr John van Hoboken said at a special Federation meeting on Wednesday night.

Mr Van Hoboken, Wilhelmina president, was answering criticism by a Metropolitan club representative at the meeting, which was called to discuss promotion and relegation.

Mr van Hoboken emphasised that he was only interested in the promotion of Soccer in Victoria, and he was not taking sides in the promotion and relegation issue.

"To say there is antagonism between State League and Metropolitan clubs is ridiculous," he said.

Mr van Hoboken explained that he was trying to make Soccer stronger by ensuring that the strongest clubs played in the State League.

"What does Soccer gain from the yearly visits of Metropolitan clubs to the State League?" he asked.

"These clubs, which are promoted, spend thousands of pounds on buying players, and the money is wasted, as all they do is lose and lose."

"Eventually they end up where they came from, and all the hard work by the committee and the money spent have been in vain."

Of the 12 clubs which have been promoted since the formation of the State League in 1958 10 had been relegated.

● In 1958 Hellenic and Geelong came in and Hellenic and Brighton went out.

● In 1959 Footscray and Yarra Park came in and Geelong went out.

● In 1960 Preston and Melbourne came in and Preston and Footscray went out.

● In 1961 Richmond and S.M.-Hellas came in and Richmond and Box Hill went out.

● In 1962 Lions and Croatia came in and Moreland went out.

Mr van Hoboken said this was not the way to promote Soccer.

He said that a few weeks back eight State League teams were in the relegation zone, and the council at that time still wanted to introduce a play-off.

"Is that antagonism?" he asked.

"We want the two strongest teams to come up into State League. That's why a play-off is a good thing."

Mr van Hoboken said he knew the council had made a lot of mistakes, but it had also done a lot of good.

Mr Theo Marmaras, chairman of the Federation, who presided, said the Victorian Football League also had administration problems. One had only to read the daily Press to see this, he said.

John Slade (Alexander)

Derek McMinn (Coburg) and John d'Andrea (Trierstina) all spoke for promotion and said that without it there was no incentive for the Metropolitan clubs. But they realised the big difference between State League and Metropolitan standard of play.

The meeting at times became rowdy, and Mr John Barclay, deputy chairman, did well to assist Mr Marmaras in controlling the situation.

Mr Barclay repeatedly asked delegates to discuss only the vital subject of promotion and relegation, and to refrain from discussing personal matters which did not concern the issue.

Heinz Vollmer's (Bays-

water) motion that promotion on the two up and two down basis for 1963-64 season was adopted. He also suggested that the Federation should make their promotion and relegation plans for next season known before the 1964 kick-off.

Of the 12 State League clubs only one club — George Cross — did not attend the meeting.

Other Metropolitan clubs absent were:

Azzuri, Collingwood, Essendon, ICI (apology), Moonee Ponds, Norlane, Olympia, Oakleigh, Ringwood, Rosebud, Seymour, St. Albans, Sunshine Heights, Trident, Tullamarine and Williamstown.

CROATIA, RICHMOND SEEK COURT RULING

Members of two State League Soccer clubs last week took out a Supreme Court writ against the Victorian Soccer Federation claiming an injunction against relegation to the Metropolitan League.

Enver Begovic, of Chapel St, East St. Kilda, for the Croatia Soccer Club, and Adam Pfeiffer, of Auburn Rd, Hawthorn, for Alemannia-Richmond, took out the writ.

It named as defendants Theo Marmaras, of Sherbrook Ave, Elsternwick; A. Kovac, of Yorkshire St, Pascoe Vale; S. Beaton, of "Soccer House," Fitzroy St, St. Kilda, and N. Stanley, of Reserve Rd, Carrum, on their own behalf and on behalf of the Victorian Soccer Federation other than the plaintiffs.

Begovic claims injunctions:—

● Restraining the defendants from relegating the Croatia or Alemannia-Richmond clubs from the State League, and

● Restraining the defendants from relegating any team from the State League to the Metropolitan League, or promoting any team from the Metropolitan League to the State League.

Trial by judge alone is sought.

The writ, drawn by Mr G. Bruckner and Mr R. R. Vernon, was issued by Frederick Owen and associates.

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